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Enclosed for filing in the above-named matter is a Notification of Response to the June 19, 2001, Final Office Action in Related Application S/N: 09/224,556.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.: 08-1290. An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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Dear Examiner:

The following communication notifies the Examiner that the Applicants have Responded to the June 19, 2001, Final Office Action in related U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/224,556 ("556"). The '556 application was filed on December 12, 1998, and claims priority to SUSPENDED U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 08/826,577 ("577"), referred to above. The pending Claims of the SUSPENDED '577 application and the pending Claim of '556 application (upon entry of the proposed amendments) are, respectively, set forth below for the Examiner's convenience.

Notice that the '577 application was SUSPENDED was mailed on June 3, 1999. Notice that Claims 42, 45, 48, and 56 of the '577 application were Allowable was also mailed on June 3, 1999. Applicants have not been updated on the status of the SUSPENDED '577 application since their November 9, 1999, Status Inquiry letter.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter this communication into the file history of the '577 application.

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Suspended Claims Of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 08/826,577

42. A purified protein or polypeptide comprising amino acids 297 to 567 as shown in SEQ. ID NO. 2.

45. A purified protein of claim 42, wherein the protein consists of the amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ. ID NO. 2.

48. A composition comprising the purified protein or polypeptide of claim 42 and an acceptable carrier.

56. A composition comprising the purified protein of claim 45 and an acceptable carrier.

Pending Claims Of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/224,556 (upon entry of the proposed amendments)

51. An isolated nucleic acid that encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2.

52. The isolated nucleic acid of claim 51, wherein the nucleic acid is cDNA or RNA.

53. A composition comprising the isolated nucleic acid of claim 51 and a carrier.

55. A vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid of claim 51.

56. An isolated host cell comprising the isolated nucleic acid of claim 51.